(d) if so, what decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) Yes. Sir.

(d) Modalities and time phasing Cf the withdrawal of Freight Equalisation Scheme in respect of iron and steel are being worked out *in* consultation with the Ministries | Departments concerned. These have not yet been finalised.

Decline in raw jute price

998. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) what steps Government have taken to prevent measive decline in raw jutt price;

(b) what is the volume of raw jute that has so far been purchased by the Jute Corporation of India during the current year;

(c) what was the total production of raw jute during the present season State-wise; and

(d) what is the production cost of raw jute per metric tonnes at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) A statement, is attached. (See beloio.)

(b) The Jute Corporation of India has already procured over 15 lack bales of raw jute so far which is substantially higher than the highest ever recorded during this period in the past.

(c) So far as production of raw jute during. 1985-86 season is concerned, the final estimates as published by the Ministry of Agriculture, are not yet due.

(d) The Commisson for Agricultural Costs and Prices while formulating their recommendaions on price policy for raw jute for the year 1985-86 have stated that the updated cost of production of raw jute works out to about Rs. 208 per quintal for West Bengal and Rs. 212 per quintal for Assam .

Statement

With the harvesting of a bumper crop of raw jute this season, prices have declined to support level in almost all up-country markets. With a view to protect the interest of jute growers, the following steps have been taken: —

(i) The Jute Corporation of India has been directed to undertake large scale purchases of raw jute at minimum statutory prices fixed by the Government;

(ii) Sufficient credit has been placed at the disposal of Jute Corporation of India for undertaking price support operation;

(iii) A directive has been issued on 6-9-85 by jute Commisioner to all working jute mills *in* the private sector to build up stocks qf raw jute up to specified levels so as to step up purcha scs of raw jute by mills;

(iv) The Jute Corporation of India has been permitted to export a limited quantity of raw jute.

Coal Mine accidents

999. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many coal mine accidents

look place in the country during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(.e) how many workers were killed in these accidents;

(d) what amount of compensation was paid; and

(e) what is the number of eases in which safety rules were violated and what penal action Government have taken in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): ($_a$) The number of fatal and spot seroius accidents that took place in coal mines during the last five years is given below: —

Year	Fatal	Spot Serious
1980	141	1144
1981	165	1151
1982	158	1135
1983	156	1169
1984	160	1196

(b) Cause-wise classification the accidents referred in part (a), are given below: —

Cause	Fatal					Spot Serious				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Ground Movement	— 65	73	79	57	75	181	195	180	164	164
Transportation Machinery :										
(i) Winding in Shaft	— 3	5	1	2	5	9	6	1	4	7
(ii) Other than winding in shaft	— 43	53	43	47	48	271	278	315	297	294
Machinery other than transportation machinery	— 6	7	4	10	5	41	48	45	33	48
Explosives	— 7	7	9	14	4	12	8	13	8	9
Electricity	— 1	1	3	4	7	1	2	..	5	3
Gas, dust & other combustibble materials:	.. ..	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Falls (other than falls of ground)	— 10	11	14	19	9	438	435	441	508	518
Other causes	— 6	6	3	3	5	191	179	140	150	153
TOTAL	141	165	158	156	160	1144	1151	1135	1169	1196

(o) Number of persons killed in the fatal accidents refened in (a) above are given below: —

Year	No. of persons killed
1983	160
1981	184
1982	185
1983	191
1984	176

(d) Accodding to the information re. ceived from the Department of Coal, compensation as admissible under the WortTien's Compensation Act, Coal Mints Provident Fund Act, Gratuity Ae! Life Cover Scheme and Family Pension Scheme of Coal Mines Provident Fund Act is paid t_0 the legal heir of the deceased. In addition one dependent of the deceased is provied employment by the coal companies and family pension, education al-owance for the children and monthly allowance for the person wholly dependent on the decased is aso provided. Further payment upto Rs. 10001 — is made immediately for funeral expenses of the deceased,

(e) Safety rules were violated in 100, 120, 115, 117, and 122 fatal accidents cases during the years 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 respectively

The details of action taken in respect of the above mentioned fatal accidents cases by the Directorate General of Mines Safety a"d by the management are given below: —

By Directorate General of Mines Safety

	Details of action taken	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
(i)	Number of prosecutions launched	5	10	7	9	16
(ii)	Number of persons whose certi-ficates have been suspended	5	11	19	9	13
(iii)	Number of persons warned	22	29	45	67	52

By Management

	Details of action taken	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
(i)	Number of persons suspended	63	70	77	35	32
(ii)	Number of persons warned.	33	30	25	25	16
(iii)	Increment stopped/reverted/pro-motion/withheld/services termina-ted etc.	22	42	25	27	14
(iv)	Others	..	..	1	1	1